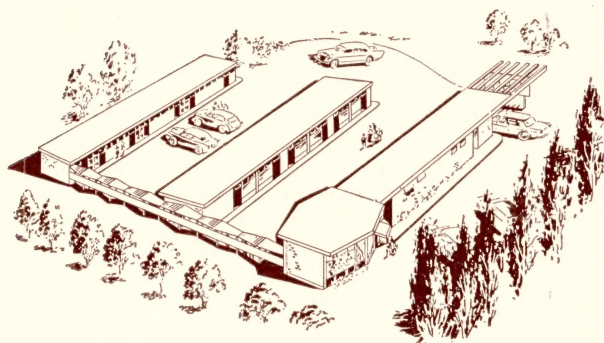


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Places and Buildings of Historical Interest

EBENEZER . . .

AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST CHURCH: Is reached through Wilberforce, thence along the Sackville Road for about three miles and turn right at fingerboard. The latter part of the trip is through private property, for the

church is on an "island" of land, originally the worshippers having reached it by boat. The little Presbyterian Church was built in 1809, "stone-by-stone" by the 15 pioneers who formed "The Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and the Instruction of Youth." Most of the original families have descendants in the area today who still worship proudly in the church built by their forbears.



A "close-up" of the portrait of Governor Macquarie, which has hung in the Windsor Court House for the last 145 years.

WINDSOR . . .

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, is the oldest Church of that faith in the Commonwealth. Its beautiful tower, visible from practically every corner of the district, beckons the visitor to closer quarters. Emancipist architect Francis Greenway was entirely responsible for its design and construction.

The foundation stone was laid by Governor Macquarie in 1817 and the first service was held in 1820, the construction being carried out by convict labour. The original Bible was a gift from King George IV and is now preserved in a glass case. The rectory nearby is a building of pleasant proportion and was completed in 1823.

Left: St. Matthew's Church, designed by Francis Greenway, and built in 1820. "A picture of architecture that is scarcely equalled in Australia."

all well out of flood reach. Governor Macquarie also assigned a block of ground in the nearest town to each settler on the lowlands for a house, barn, and living area. The towns proclaimed were Windsor, Richmond, Castle-reagh, Pitt Town, and Wilberforce.

Windsor was the centre of Government Administration in the early days, with its Court House, Gaol, Police and Soldiers' Barracks, and Government House.



"Rutherglen," an old Richmond residence quite close to the Motel.

An Historic District —

In the early years of settlement at Sydney Cove, famine was a constant threat to the newcomers. Governor Phillip found an early opportunity to go in search of more arable land, and set out to explore the Hawkesbury River in 1789. The party reached a point beyond Richmond and camped at Richmond Hill on the western side of the river, where now stands the Belmont Park mansion.

Phillip's expedition was a most fruitful one, discovering as he did the rich alluvial flats of the Hawkesbury Valley. These were, for generations, to supply most of the fresh produce for the Sydney Markets.

The first legal grants of land were not made until 1794, when Major Grose made land available to 22 settlers in the Windsor area. These were soon followed by others who heard of the wonderful fertility of the soil all along the Hawkesbury.

Floods — the district's constant enemy — led to the laying out of the five "Macquarie" towns in the year 1810, in which granaries and public buildings were built,

Morton Herman, in his authoritative work, "Early Australian Architects and Their Work," says: "St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, is a superb piece of work and must rank as one of Greenway's best, if not his masterpiece . . ."

THE COURT HOUSE (near Police Station): Windsor is indeed fortunate to possess two unspoilt Greenway masterpieces. The Court House has continuously served the district as such since it was built in 1822, costing £1,800. The court room still presents the very rare sight of an unspoilt Greenway interior. The entire building was completely restored by the N.S.W. Government in 1960, and those responsible are to be highly commended for the masterly way in which the original detail has been preserved. The portrait of Lachlan Macquarie, which has hung in the court room since 1822, was painted at the request of the Hawkesbury settlers in recognition of the "many advantages we have enjoyed under your wise and mild administration," for which they subscribed 70 guineas.

The Court House is open for inspection on week days by arrangement with the C.P.S., and at weekends and public holidays, 11.00 to 12.00 and 2.30 to 3.30.

MACQUARIE ARMS HOTEL (near Motel in George Street): Built in 1815, and described by W. C. Wentworth in 1819 as the "most splendid establishment of its kind in the Colony," the hotel has remained substantially the same as when built, but with the addition of verandahs and games room. From 1835 to 1840 it was leased as a mess for officers of the 50th West Kent Regiment.

THE TOLL HOUSE (on Sydney Road as it leaves town): A building of simple proportions, it was built for the practical purpose of collecting tolls from those crossing the bridge over South Creek. Built around 1815, tolls were collected there until 1887.

THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM (next to Macquarie Arms Hotel, facing Thompson Square): The building was originally an hotel. It now contains interesting exhibits, and is open to public inspection every day.

Lower down towards the river is a delightful Colonial residence built around 1830, which for generations has been the residence of medical men. This terrace house won first prize in the Sydney Morning Herald's Colonial Buildings competition.

RICHMOND . . .

"HOBARTVILLE": As one approaches Richmond by car from the West, "Hobartville" is the stately Georgian home standing on high ground to the right.

The property is made up of a grant of 400 acres to Surgeon Luttrell in 1804, plus part of a grant to James Blackman in 1802. William Cox, Jnr., acquired both

properties in 1816 and, in 1828, built the home which you see today. The interior is noted for its magnificent cedar woodwork and curved, sandstone stairway.

Andrew Town followed the Cox family in 1869, and he was responsible for the development of "Hobartville" as a famous racing stud. In 1888 the stud had no less than 137 thoroughbred mares.

TOXANA (next to Picture Theatre): William Bowman was elected to the first Parliament of N.S.W. as the Hawkesbury member in 1843. He built the mansion "Toxana" in the 1860's. Its well-proportioned columns and beautiful brickwork make it one of the outstanding architectural works of its period.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND: Consecrated in 1814, St. Peter's was the second church in the Richmond Parish, the first having been built by Macquarie in 1810 near the north-east corner of the present cemetery. Margaret Catchpole's grave (died 1819) is in the cemetery.

BELMONT PARK, North Richmond (seen from the Hawkesbury Bridge looking South-West). Mr. Phillip Charley built this mansion, patterned on the elaborate "halls" of the English nobility, in 1891. Mr. Charley was one of the original 14 syndicate who formed the Broken Hill Proprietary. From "Belmont", in 1823, ventured Archibald Bell, Jnr., to succeed in finding the route over the Blue Mountains. The route still bears his name. The property is now owned by the Brothers of St. John of God, who conduct a hospital there.



The Windsor Court House, completed in 1822 and restored in 1960.



Suggested District Drives

(The District N.R.M.A. Map is available on request at the Office)

KURRAJONG-BILPIN-MT. TOMAH (return via Grose Vale): This route explores the very beautiful orchard country of the Lower Blue Mountains. Kurrajong district is famous for its citrus and early apricots, and the Bilpin Ridge produces first-class early apples. You may purchase local fruit at several stalls en route, and there are delightful spots for picnicking. Kurrajong Heights presents an outstanding panoramic view. To return via Grose Vale, leave the main road at Kurrajong township.

COLO RIVER - LOWER PORTLAND - SACKVILLE - EBENEZER: Proceed along the Singleton Road until the Colo River is reached and turn right before crossing the bridge. The route takes in beautiful riverside scenery of both Colo and Hawkesbury Rivers. At the weekend you'll see hundreds of water skiers at Sackville, and, if you so wish, you may detour to the historic Ebenezer Church.

NORTH RICHMOND - THE TERRACE - FREE-MAN'S REACH - WINDSOR: A comparatively short drive providing the tourist with an excellent round trip of the extensive River Flats of the Hawkesbury Valley. The views from "The Terrace", high above the River, make it a pleasant picnic location.



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